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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Support Division, OSA

SUBJECT : Travel

REFERENCES : A. OSA HQ Notice dtd 17 Dec 63
B. OSA 2489-62 dtd 10 Dec 62

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1. Reference A. reflects the tightening of regulations pertaining to the utilization of first-class air travel. It clearly indicates that first-class accommodations will be employed as the exception rather than the general rule.

2. It clearly indicates that flights within the CONUS and also flights between the CONUS and certain foreign countries and localities outside of the CONUS warrant the utilization of accommodations costing less than first class.

3. When this question was raised in the latter part of 1962, the writer initiated a memorandum to the DD/R, and requested his concurrence in an exception to the general rule that economy class be utilized by OSA personnel traveling on commercial aircraft in the United States. Reference B. set forth the rationale behind the request for exception which was granted by the DD/R on 13 December 1962. In essence, Reference B. pointed out that to the greatest degree possible Security couriers would travel using economy class accommodations. However, it was pointed out that in instances wherein the size and nature of the materiel being escorted (e.g., "C" take from San Francisco to Rochester) required that the materiel be transported in the cabin of the commercial airliner normally, the airline could not allow such a bulky object to be so transported in the economy section of the aircraft due to lack of space.

4. It was also pointed out in Reference B. that when we moved the product from Project "I", although such product

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due to its very large size must be transported in the cargo compartment of the aircraft, still it is imperative that the courier be enabled to be the last passenger aboard the aircraft and the first one off to enable him to watch the sensitive cargo to ensure that it is, in fact, loaded aboard the aircraft and not unloaded without his timely knowledge.

5. In view of Reference A. my question here is whether or not the exception granted by the DD/R on 13 December 1962 still applies and under the circumstances set forth in Reference B., the courier is authorized to travel first class or if such is not the case, whether it would be necessary to initiate a new request to the DD/S&T for a similar waiver.



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